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SUBJ: AFRICAN INTERVENTION FORCE: CAE REQUEST FOR TRANSPORT

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1. AT INAUGURATION CEREMONY THIS MORNING, I INFORMED PRIME MINISTER MAIDOU THAT THE GOCAE'S REQUEST FOR TRANSPORT WAS BEING CONSIDERED AT PARIS MEETING TODAY. I INDICATED THAT SINCE A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES WERE INVOLVED, THE QUESTION OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT MIGHT HAVE TO BE DIVIDED UP AMONG A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES. MAIDOU INDICATED THAT THE UNITS TO BE SENT TO SHABA HAD ALREADY BEEN CHOSEN AND WOULD BE READY TO TRAVEL AT ANY TIME THIS WEEK. HE MENTIONED POSSIBLE NEED FOR SOME
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EQUIPMENT AND I SAID THAT I UNDERSTOOD THAT FRANCE WAS TAKING THE LEAD IN THIS AREA. HE DID NOT TELL ME WHETHER OR NOT THE GOCAE HAD ASKED FOR FRENCH ASSISTANCE.

2. COMMENT: I DO NOT THINK THERE WILL BE ANY SERIOUS FALL-OUT FOR US IF SOME OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRY COMES UP WITH TRANSPORTATION FOR CAE TROOPS. THE GOCAE WILL UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITY

OF THE ARRANGEMENTS AND WILL ACCEPT THE FACT THAT RESPONSIBILITIES
HAVE HAD TO BE DIVIDED AMONG A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES.
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